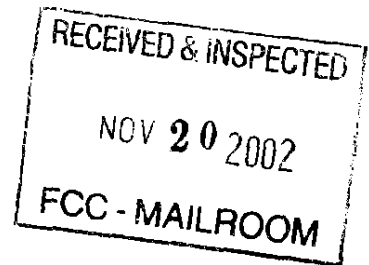


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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: CC Docket No. 00-257**  
**Notification of Acquisition of Subscriber Base Pursuant to 47 CFR § 64.1120(e)**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

By letter dated October 11, 2002, Essex Acquisition Corporation ("EAC") and Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC ("ECI") previously advised the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") of the impending acquisition of ECI's assets by EAC, and requested the FCC's approval for domestic and international transfers of control concerning the same.

To the extent that the October 11 filing was deficient for purposes of compliance with 47 CFR § 64.1120(e), EAC hereby provides further notice to the FCC that EAC will acquire the subscribers of ECI on or about December 31, 2002. Following the acquisition, EAC will continue to provide local, intraLATA and interLATA services to the ECI customer base pursuant to rates, terms and conditions of service identical to those established by ECI. Given an abundance of caution and cooperation between EAC and ECI, the transition to being billed and serviced by EAC will be seamless and no additional charges will be assessed to the affected subscribers.

Further, attached is a certification of EAC's compliance with 47 CFR § 64.1120(e)(3). Also attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the notice sent to the affected subscribers.

Please stamp the duplicate of this notification letter "received" and return it to my attention using the pre-addressed, stamped envelope also enclosed herein.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 847/441-2489

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Kellogg".

Scott Kellogg

Enclosures

**CERTIFICATION OF ESSEX ACQUISITION CORPORATION**

With rrterence to the attached notification filed with the Federal Communications Commission, Essex Acquisition Corporation hereby certifies its compliance with the advance subscriber notice requirements of 47 CFR § 64.1120(e)(3) and other statutory and Commission requirements applicable to this streamlined process.

By: [Signature]  
Ronald W. Gavillet – General Counsel

Date: 11/16/02

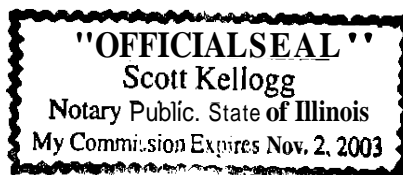
State of Illinois )  
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County of Clark )

I, Wm. Kellogg, a notary public in and for, and residing in said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that RONALD W. GAVILLET is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed on the foregoing Instrument, that he appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed. sealed, and delivered the said Instrument as a free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and notarial seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires 11/2/03



## EXHIBIT A

Dear Valued eLEC Customers.

As previously announced a few weeks ago, eLEC Communications Corp. entered into a purchase agreement to sell the assets of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Essex Communications, Inc., to Essex Acquisition Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of BusinessOnline.com, Inc. ("EAC/BusinessOnline.com").

As a result of this Agreement and upon securing the necessary approvals, which we expect to receive prior to the end of the year, the services that have been provided to you by eLEC Communications will be handled and serviced by EAC/BusinessOnline. As we move through this process, there are several assurances we want to make to you, our highly valued customer. First, especially in today's marketplace, we want to assure you that we are committed to the tenet that we will operate at the highest ethical standards.

Second, we can assure you that we, along with the hundreds of fine employees at BusinessOnline.com, are committed to providing our customers with the best in telecommunications quality and services. In fact, the senior executive team at BusinessOnline.com consists of several well-known and well-respected telecommunications veterans (including senior personnel from Access One Communications, one of the first competitive local carriers in the southeastern United States), and we are therefore very familiar with what it takes to be successful in the marketplace. Access One was successfully acquired by Talk America in August 2000 for over \$200 million.

BusinessOnline.com is one of the Northeast's leading integrated communications providers, offering its customers a complete range of communications services, including Web Site design and hosting services, high-speed Internet access and local/long distance telecom services. Perhaps most importantly, BusinessOnline.com has the experience and resources to ensure that EAC meets your telecommunications needs. The majority investor in BusinessOnline.com is a financial services company that provides financing and advisory services to companies in the communications, information services, media and technology industry sectors. Since its inception, it has originated an aggregate of over \$2 billion in investments in over 200 transactions and is a AAA-rated financial services company.

In short, BusinessOnline.com will continue to focus on building our existing infrastructure, while capitalizing on the strengths and resources of our newly acquired partners. What this means to you is that you can expect superior quality, service and support now and in the future.

As a thank you for your support, we would like to offer you a **FREE FEATURE** of your choice for the next six months of service, just for being a valued customer. Just call our customer service department at 1-866-244-4767 and mention the **passcode: FREE FEATURE** and they will be happy to assist you.

Please be assured that your service will not be interrupted during this time of transition. In fact, BusinessOnline.com senior executive team has been seamlessly managing the servicing of eLEC customers for several months now. However, you do have the right to select another local exchange carrier and may do so prior to the effective date without incurring switching fees from eLEC.

EAC/BusinessOnline.com is a great and proud company, a company of motivated, creative, highly skilled people. We take pride in our customer service and challenge you to find anyone better. We look forward to servicing your telecommunications needs of the future. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact EAC/BusinessOnline.com at 1-866-244-4767.